# **Page Nomination Information**

I am excited to inform you that my office is eligible to nominate a Congressional Page to the U.S. House of Representatives Democratic Page Program during the 2009 Fall Semester.

The Constituent Page Program consists of high school students who are hired to serve the U.S. House of Representatives. Currently there are 72 Page positions available in the House of Representatives. A student wishing to become a page must fill out an application, which can be obtained from Congressman Honda's office.

Application can be found here .

#### **Eligibility**

To be eligible for the Page Program, every applicant must satisfy certain requirements. Pages must be at least 16 years old before August 30, 2009, the day the Page term begins. A Page must be in the 11th grade as the Page School only offers a junior year course of study. They must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher. They must show proof of citizenship. Every applicant must have the sponsorship of Congressman Honda. Due to the nature of the job, every applicant must be in good health, have plenty of stamina, and problem free feet.

## **How to Apply**

The application consists of the application form ( <u>click here for application</u> ), a high school transcript containing grades from ninth grade to the current semester, a parental consent form, a resume of extracurricular activities, 3 letters of recommendation, a 50-100 word essay describing why the applicant would like to become a page, and a letter of support from Congressman Honda. Before the close of business on Wednesday, July 1, 2009, I invite all eligible candidates to submit their completed applications, including all required documents, to my District Office:

Congressman Mike Honda RE: Democratic Page Program 1999 S. Bascom Ave., Suite 815 Campbell, CA 95008

A small pool of qualified applicants will be invited for an interview in my office during the week of July 6. The nominee will be selected and notified by Friday, July 10.

Please forward this information to anyone you know who might be interested in this amazing

opportunity. You may contact Chris Schwarz in my district office with any questions. He can be reached by phone at (408) 558-8085, or by email at chris.schwarz@mail.house.gov

#### **Page Program Duties**

The duties of a page are very important. The duties of a page primarily consist of delivery of correspondence, legislative material and small packages within the Congressional complex. The semester Pages report to work after classes and continue until 4:30 PM or until the House adjourns for the day.

Students selected as Pages are asked to serve at least one full semester and may be asked to serve two semesters. The academic semesters are fall and spring and require attendance to the House of Representatives Page School. Students attending the fall and spring semesters are required to reside in the House Residence Hall. The summer program starts around the second week of June and ends at the determination of the legislative work schedule.

The House Page School begins at 6:45am with classes in Mathematics, English, Social Studies, Science, Foreign Language and Computer Technology. To allow each student to gain exposure to government, there are mandatory Washington Seminars for all Pages.

The dress requirement for males is navy blazer, long sleeved white shirt, dark gray slacks, black socks, dark shoes, and a standard-issue tie (navy with red and white stripes). For females, a navy blazer, long sleeved white blouse, dark gray skirt or pants, black shoes, appropriate hosiery and a standard-issue tie (navy with red and white stripes) that is provided during orientation

## **Compensation and Fees**

All Pages are compensated with a monthly salary of approximately \$1,500. Automatic deductions will be made for federal and states taxes, Social Security, and the Residence Hall fees. Pages are paid on the last working day of the month. There is an initial \$100 security deposit for the residency halls. An additional \$400 monthly fee is required for the residence hall, which includes five breakfasts, six lunches, and five dinners per week and is automatically deducted from the Page's salary.

For more information please contact my district office.